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For: ISOLATED ALK-1 PROTEIN, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING IT, AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2001 (Paper No. 21). Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a ONE-month extension of time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1 delete the paragraph that appears after the title and before "Field of the Invention" and insert therefore:

-This application is a continuation-in-part of application 08/436,265 which is a 371 of application serial no. PCT/GB93/02367 filed November

17, 1993.-1

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 21-24, 26 and 28 without prejudice. 09/26/2001 01 FC:102 80.00 CH

Please add the following claims.